(d) The effects of duty reduction is reflected in the prices of concerned formulations.

(e) and (f) Time and labour involved in the compilation of the data will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved, as various factors determined the prices of bulk drugs and formulations.

645. [*Transferred to the 22nd March*, 1990]

**Overinvoicing in the Imports of Intermediates**

646. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the bulk drugs and intermediates which accounted for import of Rs. 25 lakhs or more at CIF value during anyone of the past three years;

(b) what was the quantity imported and its CIF value during the last three years, yearwise;

(c) what are the bulk drugs for which the intermediates in question are used;

(d) whether it is a fact that due to overinvoicing intermediates have recorded substantial increase in their prices after the announcement of DPCO, 1987;

(e) whether Government have received any complaints about overinvoicing in the imports of intermediates; and

(f) if so, what are the details of each case and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) Import of bulk drugs and intermediates not being monitored by this Ministry.

(d) to (f) A complaint about overinvoicing in the import of intermediates for the production of Rifampicin bulk drug has been received and the same has been referred to the Ministry of Finance for investigation.

**Financial position of M/s. Coal India Ltd.**

647. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred Question 1465 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the accounts of Coal India Limited for the year 1988-89 have since been finalised;

(b) if so, what is the loss incurred by M/s. Coal India Ltd., during the year 1988-89 and what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the expected profit of the company during the current year; and

(d) what is the short fall of production by the company during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In 1988-89 the total loss of Coal India Ltd., was Rs. 23·26 crores. The main reason for the loss is the impact of arrears on account of the National Coal wage Agreement IV (NCWA IV) as a result of which expenditure on employees' remuneration and benefits increased by around Rs. 310 crores including arrears of around Rs. 160 crore.

(c) The company hopes to made a modest profit during the current financial year.

(d) It is expected that during the current year, the company may produce around 178 million tonnes coal against the target of 183.50 million tonnes.

**Recovery of overcharged amounts**

648. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court delivered judgement dismissing the petitions filed by certain drug companies challenging the Government notified prices;

(b) if so, when was such judgement delivered;

(c) what action has been taken on the judement against the drug companies involved;

(d) whether Government have worked out the overchrged amount for recovery;

(e) if so, what is the final amount worked out against each company and upto what period;

(f) whether it is a fact that Government have noticed certain irregularities in these calculations;

(g) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(h) what is the amount recovered from each company upto 31st January, 1990 ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 10th April, 1987 and 1st May, 1987.

(c) to (d) A Special Team was constituted to determine the amount recoverable from all the companies involved the Supreme Court case. The assessments, made by the team are being scrutinised and a decision in this regard will be taken shortly.

(h) The amount received from the Companies upto 31-1-90 is given below:

| Sl. No. | Name of the Company | (Rs. in lakhs) |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | M/s. Hoechst (I) Ltd. | 312·10 |
| 2. | M/s. Cyanamic (I) Ltd. | 100·00 |
| 3. | M/s. John Wyeth (I) Ltd. | 45·00 |
| 4. | M/s. Pfizer Limited | 19·90 |
| 5. | M/s. Franc Indian Ph. Ltd. | 1·43 |
| 6. | M/s. Ethnor Ltd. | 8·00 |

**Import of intermediates for the production of bulk drugs**

649. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain organised sector units were found importing intermediates during 1989 for the production of bulk drugs contrary to the approved conditions;

(b) if so, when did such instances come to the notice of his Ministry;

(c) whether his Ministry took any action in the matter; and

(d) if so, when and what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) No unit in the organised sector was found to import intermediates in violation of conditions of the approval in the year 1989.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.